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Maplelawn creates experiences which connect people to the rich, rural heritage of the 1930s Great Depression era on an Indiana family farm

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Dear Members, Friends, and Neighbors,

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For nearly two centuries, Zionsville, Indiana has built its identity on a foundation of community, heritage, and a deep pride in our roots. Right in the heart of Eagle Township, Zionsville, sits a living piece of that history: Maplelawn Farmstead.

Established in 1835, Maplelawn stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of Indiana's rural heritage. It is a place that weathered the hardships of the 1930s Great Depression and the Dust Bowl. A little over two decades ago, this beautiful historic treasure faced an uncertain future. But just like the early settlers of Zionsville, our community didn't sit back. In 2004, the Zionsville Historical Society and the Zionsville Parks Department joined hands and supported the creation of *Maplelawn Farmstead, Inc.* Thanks to neighbors like you, we have spent over 20 years executing vital preservation and improvement projects.

Two Decades of Growing Together

We have raised and invested over \$300,000 directly back into saving these historic structures. Our timeline of community achievements includes:

*The Homestead: Restoring the homestead to 1930s era that now serves as a vehicle for events like our Spring Tea, meetings, and events.

*The Barns: Securing the structures of our historic English barn, dairy barn, corn crib, and various other out buildings. This last winter we completed restoration from foundation to new replicated siding of the south side of the dairy barn—a major \$30,000 project.

*The Land: We were selected and received six complimentary native trees from the Zionsville Tree Committee last year. This year we are restoring and revitalizing our strawberry fields, prairie rose bushes, adding more dahlias, and reestablishing our bee hives. The gardens create revenue (jam and honey sales) and help demonstrate recognizable agriculture.

Today Maplelawn averages over 3,000 visitors annually, giving children and families a tangible, hands-on connection to our past. As our mission states, we try to preserve, educate and inspire folks to celebrate the rich, rural heritage of the Great Depression. We have continued volunteer relationships with the Future Farmers of America, Zionsville Kiwanis, Zionsville 4-H, Boone County Economic Development Volunteer Days, Scouting America, Community Foundation of Boone County, Maplelawn Friend Raisers and other opportunities that come our way.

Plant the Seeds for Maplelawn's Next Chapter

Preservation never stops, and we look forward to our next 20 years with immense hope and big dreams. We are entirely volunteer-run and depend fully on the generosity of people who believe that history is worth protecting.

Your gift today ensures that the next generation can step out of our fast-paced modern world and experience the quiet, grounding resilience of an Indiana family farm. Whether you can give \$25, \$100, or \$500, every dollar goes straight towards painting barns, maintaining our gardens and all other responsibilities with the Farmstead, as well as funding educational programming and events.

Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today by mailing your check and membership donation card or by visiting our Maplelawn Farmstead website donation page at www.maplelawnfarmstead.org. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping Zionsville's rich history alive, vibrant, and hopeful for years to come!

With very deep gratitude,
The Board of Directors of Maplelawn Farmstead, Inc.

Maplelawn Farmstead is a Historic District of the National Register of Historic Places.